



# News Advisory

## State Water Board to Conduct Public Meeting and Consider Amendment that Establishes a Desalination Operations Policy

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**What:** On May 6, the State Water Resources Control Board will [consider](#) an amendment to the state's Water Quality Control Plan for the Ocean Waters of California (Ocean Plan) to address effects associated with the construction and operation of [seawater desalination facilities](#).

The amendment supports the use of ocean water as a reliable supplement to traditional water supplies while protecting marine life and water quality. The desalination amendment will provide direction for regional water boards when permitting new or expanded facilities by providing a statewide, uniform and consistent process for permitting seawater desalination facilities. The amendment also provides specific implementation, monitoring and reporting requirements.

**Where:** Byron Sher Auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), Cal/EPA building 1001 I Street, Sacramento Ca 95814

MEETING will be internet *live streamed* here: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/>

**When:** Meeting begins at 9 a.m. May 6. The board takes up items in order.

**More Information:** Board Agenda can be found [here](#):

Item on Desalination be found here:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/agendas/2015/may/050615\\_7\\_with\\_draft\\_resolution.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/2015/may/050615_7_with_draft_resolution.pdf)

